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S E C R E T ANARA 5199

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E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REFUGEE STATUS

REF: A) ISTANBUL 2529, B) ISTANBUL 2530

1. I BELIEVE THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THE BULGARIAN REFUGEE
CASE SET FORTH REFTELS (THE FAVTS OF WHICH ARE QUITE DIFFERENT
THAN THE BRAZINSKAS CASE) IS FOR THE CONGEN TO ADVISE THE
TWO BULGARIANS EITHER TO TURN THEMSELVES OVER DIRECTLY TO THE
ISTANBUL REFUGEE CENTER OR TO THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES WITH A
REQUEST THAT THEY BE PUT INTO THE ISTANBUL REFUGEE CENTER. AT THE
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SAME TIME, EMBASSY WOULD NOTIFY GOT AUTHORITIES THAT THE

TWO BULGARIANS HAD COME TO CONGEN AND HAD BEEN GIVEN THIS ADVICE. WE COULD ALSO NOTE, WITH SOME SURPRISE, STORY OF ONE OF THE BULGARIANS THAT ON PREVIOUS OCCASION HE HAD BEEN TURNED BACK BY GOT AUTHORITIES.

2. I CANNOT BE SURE THAT THIS PROCEDURE WOULD GUARANTEE THAT GOT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RETURN THE TWO BULGARIANS BUT GIVEN THE INTENSITY OF RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH IT ON MATTERS OF THIS KIND, I THINK FACT THAT USG HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE BULGARIANS' PRESENCE IN THIS COUNTRY WOULD SERVE AS SIGNIFICANT DETERRANT AGAINST REPATRIATION. IT WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE AN IRON CLAD GUARANTEE BECAUSE TURKS ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE THEIR RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OF BULGARIA AND IF GOT IS CONVINCED THAT THE BULGARIANS ARE SIIKING ASYLUM AS A RESULT OF PETTY THIEVERY OR OTHER NON POLITICAL MISDEMEANOR, ITS TENDENCY IS TO RETURN THEM AND IT EXPECTS BULGARIA IM SIMILAR SITUATIONS TO DO THE SAME.

3. IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES WE SHOULD HANDLE DIFFERENTLY AND SPECIFICALLY, IF IT BELIEVES WE SHOULD SEEK STRONGER ASSURANCES FROM GOT, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

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